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MONTREAL FOR ICAO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, PINR, NP
SUBJECT: BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

REF: A) STATE 186923, B) STATE 190995

1. I SAW FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT AT MY REQUEST AUGUST
2 TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A DEALING WITH SUPPORT
FOR BONN DECLARATION AND ADHERENCE TO HAGUE CONVENTION.
I MADE THIS CALL AFTER CONFERRING WITH FRG AMBASSADOR MAES
WHO TO DATE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS
FROM BONN. MAES AGREED WITH MY JUDGMENT THAT GIVEN
IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO BONN DECLARATION AND TO CONVEY
SOME SENSE OF URGENCY TO GON, WE SHOULD NOT WAIT WORD FROM
BONN ANY LONGER. HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO MY TAKING
INITIATIVE PENDING RECEIPT OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS.

2. IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT, I CONVEYED
SUBSTANCE OF REFS A AND B TO HIM AND REMINDED HIM THAT
INSOFAR AS HAGUE CONVENTION WAS CONCERNED, I HAD
RAISED SUBJECT OF NEPALESE RATIFICATION OF HAGUE, TOKYO AND
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MONTREAL CONVENTIONS WITH GON ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS (KATHMANDU
0456 AND 1876). IN REPLY BHATT SAID THAT GON WAS
CLEARLY AGAINST HIJACKING AND WAS INTRIGUED BY BONN
DECLARATION. IT PERSONALLY APPEARED TO HIM TO BE A
SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL
HIJACKING. HE WENT ON TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GON HAD BEEN
DELINQUENT IN RATIFYING HAGUE AS WELL AS MONTREAL AND

TOKYO CONVENTIONS AND MFA WOULD MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT
TO OBTAIN CABINET APPROVAL FOR THIS STEP.

3. AS FOR BONN DECLARATION AND SUPPORT FOR IT, BHATT
SAID THAT HE BELIEVED GON MIGHT BE WILLING TO ASSOCIATE
ITSELF IN SOME WAY WITH DECLARATION AND ITS PROVISIONS,
BUT IN COMING TO DECISION IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE MORE
DETAILS ABOUT SPECIFIC PROCEDURES WHICH MIGHT BE ADOPTED
TO IMPLEMENT DECLARATION SUCH AS THOSE BEING CONSIDERED
AT AUGUST 1-2 MEETING IN BONN BY EXPERTS. IT WAS AGREED
I WOULD GET
COME BACK TO BHATT AS SOON AS WE HAD ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER TO CAPITALIZE
ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE FAVORABLE NEPALESE
REACTION TO BONN DECLARATION, IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL TO HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THOSE
RESULTS OF AUGUST 1-2 MEETING WHICH WE CAN
APPROPRIATELY PASS TO NEPALESE.
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